

APPROVES LEND-LEASE
WASHINGTON, March 23 (U.P.). The house foreign affairs committee today unanimously recommended extension of the lend-lease

program to July 1, 1945, but with an amendment that would make congress rather than the President, the final arbiter of settlements between the United States and beneficiary nations after the war.

Good Neighbor Policy Wins In Irvington Compromise

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club piled the city with petitions demanding immediate removal of the "uninvited guests" on grounds that the railroad had no right to convert the old home into a boarding house.

This was followed by a fusillade from the Irvington American Legion post and other neighborhood groups.

No sooner had the mayor asked his legal department to do something about the situation, than he became the target of correspondence from another direction, namely an organization of civic-minded Irvingtonians interested in fostering "good neighbor" ideas.

Group Raps City

This element, led by C. Sheldon Book, rapped the city administration for its "un-American attitude" in discriminating against imported labor from our Latin-American allies.

"We must either back up our good neighbor proclamations or scrap them," Mr. Book told the mayor, asserting that most of Irvington's church-going population had been alienated by the city's "narrow" philosophy in dealing with the labor importation question.

Shortly thereafter the city agreed to drop a threatened injunction suit against the railroad, designed to oust the Mexican occupants, when Pennsylvania authorities announced their intentions of transferring their wards from Irvington to the Pennsylvania gym in the Willard park district.

Penny Writes Mayor

These plans were abruptly sidetracked by organizations in that balliwick who, rallying around their councilmanic representative, Ross Manly, hinted strongly that city acquiescence to such a move might compel them to withdraw support from certain G. O. P. hopefuls in the forthcoming primary.

Finally, the mayor, obviously vic-

tim of circumstances in this tumultuous chess game, received a letter from a vice-president of the Pennsylvania railroad criticizing him for the way he handled the problem.

After three months in the Irvington district, however, the Mexicans have succeeded in convincing skeptical east siders that they know how to behave themselves under the rigors of a relatively cold-blooded American culture, Leo X. Smith, attorney for the South Irvington Civic club, said today.

Irvington Councilman Otto H. Worley also said the Mexicans had comported themselves "excellently" throughout the trying flareup, taking no offense and actually "winning their way into the hearts of some East side citizens who have changed their minds about 'dangers of the Latin temper.'"

Claims no Racial Issue

Mr. Book pointed out that the workers, most of them youths, are frequenting several Irvington meeting places, including the newly-opened "teen-canteen" for juveniles.

Councilman Worley, who also is a zoning board member, says the city's stand at no time was the result of racial differences, but had been guided by the belief that the Pennsylvania railroad had "abrogated a zoning law which prohibits rooming houses in Irvington."

Mr. Worley said the recent compromise might have been reached after the Pennsylvania railroad had consented to "considerably reduce the speed of its trains through the east side," another neighborhood issue debated for so many years.

RICK TO GET DEGREE

NEW WILMINGTON, Pa., March 23 (U.P.).—Capt. Edward Rickenbacker, world war I flying ace, will receive an honorary degree of doctor of science at Westminster college's 90th annual commencement here May 20, it was announced today.

REVEALS 'SIT-DOWN' AGAINST MINE STRIKE

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O. sergeant opened some newspapers from home telling of the coal strikes. Scacco, the sergeant, and about eight other soldiers were sitting in a foxhole at the time, he said, while enemy planes dived overhead, dropping bombs on the island.

The sergeant took one look at the headlines and said: "What the hell are we fighting for? Let's lay down our guns and give those strikers a dose of their own medicine."

Threw Down Guns

"We all agreed with him," Scacco continued. "After the air raid we talked to the other soldiers as they came out of their foxholes. When they saw the papers they all joined. Several hundred around us threw down their guns."

"Nobody got up to make any speeches, but the word got around quick. Within an hour we had heard that at least 2000 on the island were in on the sit-down."

"As soon as the officers got wind of what was going on the commanding officer was notified. The non-coms and the officers circulated among the men and talked us into dropping the idea. We forgot the whole thing in two hours because we had a lot of respect for our leaders."

Fire Prevention Head Seeks Cause of Fatal Store Blaze

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and died apparently of a heart attack.

He had jumped from a truck and was preparing to aid in laying hose when he collapsed in the arms of two other firemen.

Six other firemen were overcome by smoke and a seventh received a badly lacerated hand. "All will recover without serious effects," hospital physicians said.

Those overcome included Lt. John Stewart and Joseph Lowrie of engine house 6, both of whom were still in City hospital today; Dencil Mattingly, William Rhoades, Harry Branson of engine house 7, and Vincent Martin of engine house 10. Fireman William Lovinger of engine house 17 was in City hospital with a crushed hand.

Lived Here 30 Years

Born in Albion, Ill., Mr. Lewis had lived here 30 years and worked for the fire department 25 years.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Anna L. Lewis; a daughter, Mrs. Laura May Wright; two sons, Harold and Kenneth Lewis, all of Indianapolis; a sister, Mrs. Ida M. Davis, Albion; three brothers,

Frank Lewis, Prairieville; Charles Lewis, Oakland, City, and Price Lewis, Henderson, Ky., and two grandchildren.

Services will be held at 2 p. m. Saturday at the Conkle funeral home, 1934 W. Michigan st. Interment will be in Floral Park.

FRED F. STETTLER RITES TOMORROW

Services for Fred F. Stettler will be held at 2 p. m. tomorrow at the Flanner & Buchanan mortuary followed by burial in Crown Hill.

Mr. Stettler, 60-year-old wholesale baker, died Monday at St. Vincent's hospital. He lived at 1808 Central ave.

Born in Bern, Switzerland, Mr. Stettler came here in 1882. Since 1909 he operated his bakery at 648 S. East st. He was a member of the First Evangelical church.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Fannie M. Stettler; a daughter, Miss Jane M. Stettler; three sons, Sgt. Frederick G. Stettler, Seattle, Wash.; Aviation Cadet Richard J. Stettler, St. Louis, Mo., and Eugene W. Stettler; six brothers, Ernest, Arthur, John, George, Albert and Frank; two sisters, Rosa and Minnie, and two grandchildren.

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